

Hawai'i, My Home
27th Annual Talk Story Festival



Charlene Kalae Campbell was a performer and hula line supervisor in the Kodak Hula Show until it closed in 2002. Charlene is also the Kumu Hula of Hālau Kalae Ma Ka Ipo O Nā Hulu Mamo, a talented musician, a master ti leaf skirt maker, and the City and County of Honolulu's 1998 Lei Day Queen. She will be sharing stories of her time as a performer for the Kodak Hula Show.



Calvin Hoe is a master native instrument artisan and storyteller. He has taught his skill in many venues, and is an important cultural resource in regards to pre-contact Hawaiian instruments. He is the co-founder of the Hakipu'u Learning Center, and continues to share his knowledge and skill. Calvin is kama'āina to Hakipu'u and will be sharing a story of two important stones in the area.



Lopaka Kapanui is a storyteller, writer, actor, and Kumu Hula among other things. He and his wife run the Mysteries of Hawai'i tours. Born and raised on O'ahu, he shares spooky stories, and the history and legends of Hawai'i. At Talk Story, he will be sharing about how Makaweli Poi was instrumental in one man's life.



TeMoana Makolo is one of the "Ex Lexes," a group of people who performed at the Hawaiian Room at the Lexington Hotel in New York. She is also a niece of Leilani and Puanani Alama, and is active with their hula schools. She also teaches hula in various capacities around the Islands ranging from workshops to continuous classes with the Department of Parks and Recreation. "Aunty Te" will be sharing her experiences as a hula dancer in New York.



Tom Cummings has been a storyteller for over forty-five years as a profession and hobby. From Maui, Tom--a graduate boarder of Lahainaluna High School and Brigham Young University Hawai'i--was raised by his grandparents who were steeped in customary ways. So it follows that he tells stories about Polynesians, especially Hawaiians. As an educator, he has worked in the DOE, at Bishop Museum and Kamehameha Schools--and was once a tour guide in Hawaii and Tahiti. He continues to tell stories to all age groups, describing himself as a "Storyteller With Stuff." He will be sharing tales of Pele and Kamapua'a.



Kimo Alama Keaulana is renowned as an authority on Hawaiian music and a talented musician. Kimo will be sharing his reminiscences on the McCoy Pavilion in his childhood when it was the "Ala Moana Children's Center." He will also be sharing the song "Ala Moana Pāka" that was written by Katherine Maunakea as an entry into the Hawaiian Song Writing and Composing Contest that was sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Parks and Recreation through the early 1970s.



Jeff Gere is the creator of the Talk Story Festival and has previously produced it for 26 years. Jeff returns as a 'retired' storyteller in the 27th year of Talk Story. In 2015, he's toured to Thailand, India, Romania and Taiwan telling tales. He will share two new Pele tales & an old one of his Hawai'i. Prepare for chicken skin!